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From the Oval Office

By Susan Swiderski, AF4FO, GARS President

Hi, Everybody!

Thanks to all of you who made it out to spend the evening with us at the September club meeting, with special thanks going out to Howie, W9HG, who made a point of being there to lead us in singing "God Bless America". It was a meaningful experience for all of us. Sorry if you weren't able to share it with us.

October offers lots of opportunities to have



some fun with amateur radio. On the 6th, GARS will be running a special events radio station from the EAA hangar at Briscoe Field in conjunction with their annual fall classic fly-in.

Come out and see some of the really sleek

and unique little planes, and make a few contacts for good ol' W4GR. Once again, Greg, AF4RZ, made some terrific QSL cards to send out for the event. (Thanks, Greg!)

The following weekend will be Gold Rush Days with the Boy Scouts out in Athens. (See Earl's article in last month's Garzette for more details.) Earl, AF4FG, is looking for some help from GARS members on Saturday, the



This issue of the *Garzette* is dedicated to the men, women, and children who died during the September 11th attack on America, to the families of those who have lost loved ones, and to the men and women of the Armed Forces, who defend our country so that we can enjoy the freedoms that we all cherish. As Hams, we should also remember those Silent Keys who perished and salute those who participated in the recovery effort.

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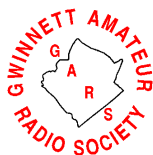
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GARS Elmers

Many of us Hams got interested in the hobby as a result of some influence and experienced Ham had on us. In my case, a ham stopped at my dealership back in the mid-80's to arrange a repair on his outboard motor. He had a funny looking license tag on his yellow Corvette and I inquired what it was. Little did I know, he would be my "Elmer".

The GARS organization is blessed with a lot of talented members that are willing to share their knowledge. The following list is made up of those individuals willing to serve as Elmers. Hopefully, this list will grow, and in time, maybe we'll get more who are willing to add a particular area of expertise.

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If you'd like to be a GARS Elmer, please email the editor of the Garzette at N1TOQ@arri.net or call 678-339-2605.

GARS Auction

By Andrea Hartlage, KG4IUM

Have you heard about the GARS auction coming up on October 20th? Well, there's going to be a Kid's Auction the same day. The main purpose for the Kid's Auction is so that the kids don't get board. I have taken on the responsibility to be the auctioneer and coordinator for the Kid's Auction.

So, I am looking for two things. One thing I'm looking for is toys, books, and games to be auctioned off at the Kid's Auction. (Since most kids have no use for radio equipment, we'll have items they would enjoy.) If you have any items that you think kids would enjoy, please contact me either by e-mail at kg4ium@arri.net or by phone at 770-963-2715.

I am also looking to see kids attend the auction. So please, if you plan on coming, tell your kids to save up their money. Then, bring them with you to the auction. Obviously, if not many kids show up, the Kid's Auction won't be much of a success.

Thank you and 73,
Andrea Hartlage, KG4IUM

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- Attend the Meetings
- Use the Email List
- Check the Website
- [Www.gars.org](http://www.gars.org)



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From the Oval Office

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13th, to demonstrate the joys of amateur radio to a whole horde of excited and interested boys.

Then, of course, the 20th will be our auction at the EAA hangar at Briscoe Field. Thanks to the guys who brought all that neat stuff to the club meeting for the grab bags, and thanks to everyone who's volunteered so far. Please try to come to the airport on the 20th to support the club's first major effort to raise money for the GARS scholarship fund. (How about auctioning off that poor old neglected rig of yours..... or buying somebody else's?) We'll be gathering at 9AM to start logging in the items to be auctioned. Come on out. Let's make this a real club project. We can use your help.

Do you enjoy visiting museums? Have you ever visited one that has an amateur radio station that's shuttered and dark because no one's there to run it? Unfortunately, the well-equipped STARS station at the SciTrek museum right here in Atlanta has typically been closed more often than it's been open, and that's a real shame. You have another reason to be proud of your club, because GARS has agreed to volunteer to "adopt" the running of the STARS station the 2nd Sunday of each month. Many people from GARS signed up to do this, and many signed up from the Alford club to "adopt" the 4th Sunday, so there will be a training day in the near future to show everybody the ropes and get them their official ID cards. As soon as Jim, W4QO, sets the date, I'll let y'all know.

Did you know that one of the privileges of being a Special Service Club, like GARS, is that we can appoint a WAS/VUCC card checker? We've had one for a number of years now, but it's time to shine a bit of a spotlight on him. It's Don Ennest, KS4WR, and he's prepared to check those QSL cards of yours so you can get that wallpaper that you've earned. With the November sweepstakes just around the corner, a whole bunch of you have the opportunity to wrap up your "worked all states". Go for it!

One other date for you to mark on your calendar, and that's December 1, when we'll be holding our annual Holiday party at the church. Marty, KE4MLH, will be chairing the committee again this year, and Kevin, KF4HFN, will be our hoppin', boppin' DJ once more. Anyone who'd like to help, please get in touch with Marty.

The program for the October meeting should really be interesting. Bev and Walter Bryant will be telling us about their "ham trip" to Russia this past spring. Try to join us on the 18th for the meeting. Former club member Bob Busch and his wife will be coming down from New Jersey for it, and Larry and Ellen Osbourne will be coming from Charlotte..... so surely, YOU can make it from Lilburn....!! The next executive meeting will be on October 8th at the No. 1 Super Chinese Buffet on Hwy. 120 in Lawrenceville... eat at 6, meet at 7. Come join us. It's time to start considering our ham of the year award, so please let us know if you have any nominees.

My QSL card features a picture of the cartoon character Ziggy driving along in his little car and a street sign that says, "Keep on keepin' on." Since the horrid events of September 11, we've all had to "keep on keepin' on", no matter how difficult, and no matter how much the disbelief and sadness threatened to overwhelm us. This is an amazing country we live in, and part of her strength lies in us, her people. In our resiliency. In our resolve. And in our unity. God bless America, and in the words of Tiny Tim, "God bless us, every one".

Until next month, this is AF4FO, signing clear. 73

GWINNETT AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY

August Meeting Minutes

September 20, 2001

Submitted by Sharon Carter, KG4HKO

CALLED TO ORDER @ 7:35 PM

OFFICERS PRESENT: Susan, President; Sid, VP; Dan, Treasurer; Sharon, Secretary; Bill, Activities Manager.

Visitors: Bill Cherapy

Alford Hamfest See Gordon for tickets

Last month's minutes - approved

Meet & Eat - Sat. 9/29 5:00 PM Macaroni Grill on Pleasant Hill Rd

RMS adopted as ARRL "Big Project" school -- radio in the schools

Treasurer's report accepted

Activities - September, QCWA; Oct. Bev & Walter's Dxpedition to Russia; Nov. Explorers

New Members -- Aaron Ball, Ross Hevener KG4OJP, Charles Haines KG4OEB, Joe Weiss KE4TWH, Mary Weiss KE4VHV, Mary Reavis, Scarlett Reavis, Penn

McClatchey K4PE, Larry Scheff W4QEJ

Scott Hartlage, KF4PWI has put together 100

Reasons to join GARS flyer for club at no charge

Eddie -- repeaters -- noise on 6m last night. Antenna work party recognized. Requested to revive SEDAN network -- 1200 baud VHF packet 145.77 - - could convert to a node in Gwinnett Co. can use currently existing equip. with minor modifications -- put info. out on e-groups.

Win Jackson, N1TWX -- Crohn's and Colitis Foundation Walk -- Chastain Park need volunteers this Sat. (9/22) -- 6 ops, 2.5 mile course. Education -- classes going well -- 5 in class. Thanks to club for helping students overcome mike right

Carol Gann, KG4ETR -- flyers about auction and GoldRush to distribute;

Victor Gann, W4VEG -- Venture Crew -- 1st Tues. Oct. -- Scout 1st nighter Prospect UMC

8 ARRL video tapes to prepare you for the No-Code Tech exam are available for check-out from Victor

Junior GARS 7:00 1st Tues. of Oct.

Earl Whatley, AF4FG -- Scouts -- 2nd weekend of Oct. 12,13,& 14 NEGA Council -- GoldRush Jamboree at Sandy Creek Park in Athens-- 5 working amateur stations, left-footed CW, fox hunt, etc. -- expecting 5000 people. Need volunteers, sign up with Earl, Also monitor scout frequencies.

1-day technician class at Peachtree -- Susan has info.

Sci-Trek Amateur Radio station -- W4QO asks us to help keep station running. GARS will do 2nd Sundays. W4WOW

Dec 1 -- Christmas Party at church, Kevin will DJ, Marty chair to organize

Marty has checked out the GARS tower, maybe 75% chance of salvage, lose about 40% of height

AUCTION -- need help with set-up, organization, cashiers, prepare paddles, food prep and clean-up, grab bags

Oct. 6 -- EAA special event station at fly-in -- radios, operators, antenna

Unsung hero -- always helping other hams, repairs and donates equipment, etc.

-- Mike K4HBI

Joe -- KG4FBQ -- 2 new grandchildren

Apparel -- see Bill KG4FXG for forms, 2 XXL Field Day T-shirts still available.

On The Air with Dan Keohan, **KF4YSU**

This month's on the air article features Dan Keohan, KF4YSU. Dan was born in Chicago Illinois. He graduated from Proviso West High School. He was stationed in the military in 1970 in Vietnam. He became interested in amateur radio through boy scouts in the 1950s, and decided it was something he wanted to do. He worked at Western Electric in Chicago and then worked for The Teletype Corporation. When he moved to Atlanta, he started working for AT&T. Dan is now retired. Dan is blessed with two sons named Brian and Kevin who live in Arkansas. They are not interested in ham radio.

His Elmer was Win Jackson, N1TWX. (He took Win's class to become licensed.) He recorded the test questions on a tape-recorder and listened to them driving around in the car to study. Dan became licensed in 1998 when he was 54-55 years old. He got a Yaesu FT-840 once he earned his technician, and he listened to HF long before he earned his general. His first DX contact was someone on a Pacific island. Dan upgraded to General class license and then to Extra. His Callsign has always been KF4YSU. Dan now has a Yaesu FT 1000 MP. He works SSB, 20, 17, and 80 M. His favorite bands are 20 and 17.

The most interesting thing Dan has heard on the air is a net when net control asked everyone what they were doing when Pearl Harbor was bombed. He said that all of these people were coming back with very interesting stories about what they were doing during this time. Dan likes working DX and being 80M net control most about ham radio. (Dan is net control of a net every Friday morning on 3.973 and welcomes check-ins. That is, if you happen to be up during the net, from 3-5 A.M.) Dan would like to talk to more stations in the Far East. Dan's favorite part of GARS is the fellowship. The most fun Dan has ever had in ham radio is his first field day. He has worked W1AW several times. He talked to guest operators there. Dan gives this advice to new hams. "Put something up and get on the air."

I would like to thank Dan for his cooperation when I called him on Friday needing a whole interview by Sunday morning! He returned my call A.S.A.P. and made this article possible. I would also like to thank Barry Zoll, N1TOQ, GARZETTE editor for his patience with me when I sent the article to him at the last minute. These two gentlemen made this article possible. And thank you, for reading it.

73 until next month,

*Andrea Hartlage, KG4IUM,
On the air author*

Editor's Note:

Andrea's commitment to GARS is something we should all be proud of. Even with school, activities, and spending time with her family, she still manages to produce monthly articles that are well written and accurate. This type of dedication will get her far in life, which ever path she chooses.

Thank you, Andrea!

ARRL Renewals Through GARS

Lawrenceville, GA (USA) - Dan Keohan, GARS Treasurer, has just announced yet another way for you to support GARS and the club's activities.

It's simple. All you need to do is to make your ARRL dues check payable to GARS and present it to Dan at the monthly meeting (or at the local Waffle House where he's at). He will forward a GARS check to the ARRL and the club gets a "commission" of \$2.00 per renewal. With almost 300 members, this means that GARS could make an extra \$600 per year. You don't want Marty to have to sing at the next GARS Christmas Party instead of having a DJ, do you (just kidding, Marty!)?

If you have any questions, talk to Dan on the GARS repeater or by email at KF4YSU@arrl.net.

Georgia Ham Tags

Many of you have seen the stylish ham tags that some of us have. So how can you get one? Contact your county tag agent for details. In addition to showing your "ham" pride and adding value to your vehicle, the county waives the annual tag fee (you're still required to pay the ad valorem, however). On a serious note, during times of emergency, your vehicle can be easily identified and this may be important if you're going to a disaster area where access is limited to official business.



Metro Atlanta Club Meetings

First Tuesday

Metro Atlanta Telephone Pioneers

Old Hickory House
5490 Chamblee/Dunwoody Rd, Dunwoody
Dutch dinner is at 6:30 PM, followed by meeting.
Talk In 145.410(-)

Kennehoochee ARC

First United Methodist Church in Marietta
Meeting begins at 7:30 PM
Talk In 146.880(-)

First Thursday

Atlanta Radio Club

American Red Cross Building, Lindberg Plaza
Meeting is at 7:30 PM
Talk In -146.820(-)

N.E. Georgia ARC

Jefferson Civic Center
Off of Memorial Dr. toward Winder from
Jefferson
Meeting is at 6:30 PM
Talk In - 147.225(+)

North Fulton Amateur Radio League

Shoney's Restaurant
Holcomb Bridge Road at grimes Bridge Road
Dinner at 6:30 PM, meeting at 7:30 PM
Talk In - 145.47(-)

Second Thursday

Alford Memorial Radio Club

Killian Hall, Killian Hill Road
Lilburn
Dinner at 6:00 PM, meeting at 7:30 PM
Talk In - 146.760(-)

Second Saturday

East Atlanta LAN

St. Patrick's Episcopal Church
Dunwoody
Meeting is at 10:00 AM
Talk In - 145.410(-) and 443.025(+)

Third THURSDAY



Gwinnett Amateur Radio Society

Central Baptist Church
Gwinnett Drive
Lawrenceville
Meeting begins at 7:30 PM in the fellowship hall.
Talk In -147.075(+) and 444.525(+)



Metro Atlanta VE Exam Schedule

GARS publishes Metro Atlanta area VE exam schedules as a service and is not responsible for errors or changes. Call and confirm schedules before going. All sessions are walk-in. Take copies of current license and certificate of completed elements with you to all sessions.

First Sunday

WCARS VEC
2:00 PM
(Except July and September)
Johnson High School
3305 Poplar Springs RD, Gainesville
Terry Jones, W4TL (770)967-6364

First Saturday

9:00AM
Clayton County Emergency
Management Building
7496 N. McDonough St., Jonesboro
George White, KN4NG (770)361-6850

Second Tuesday

7:00PM
Walton EMC
3645 Lenora Church Rd, Snellville
Wayne Taylor, WD4CCA
(770)498-7759

Second Saturday, Odd Months

CA VEC
8:30 AM
Stone Mountain Methodist Church
5312 West Mountain St.
Stone Mountain
Bob Verone, W4ETN
(770)978-3179

Third Saturday

CA VEC
9:00AM
Marietta First United Methodist Church
Room 305, 56 Whitlock Ave
Marietta
Larry Huff, WA4CQZ
(770)955-3171

Fourth Tuesday

ARRL VEC
7:00 PM
United Way Service Center
6279 Fairburn Road, Douglasville
Jessie Clower, KB4WFK
(770)942-6466.

Fourth Friday

W5YI VEC
7:00 PM
St. John Neumann Church
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82.5 PL

Main Repeater Site

Oak Street, Lawrenceville

2 Meter Repeater

147.075(+) MHz
82.5 PL Tone

Main Repeater Site

Oak Street, Lawrenceville

Backup Repeater Site

Lanier Mountain, Snellville

Remote Receive Sites

Bogan Road, Buford
Goshen Springs Road, Norcross
Lanier Mountain, Snellville

70 Cm Repeater

444.525(+) MHz
82.5 PL

Main Repeater Site

Lanier Mountain, Snellville

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144.390 -- 1200 Baud
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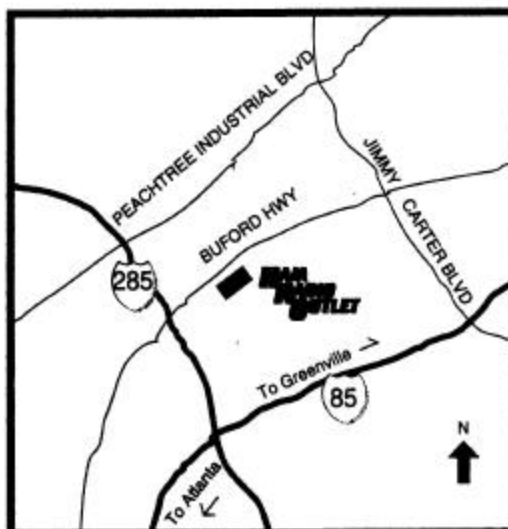
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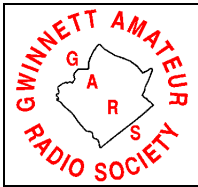
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Upcoming Events

Committee Chairs:

Let's fill this feature with dates and events to keep GARS members looking ahead!



October 2001

Executive committee

6th EAA Fly-In

Briscoe Field

12-14 Gold Rush-Athens

18th GARS Club Meeting

**20th Auction at Briscoe
Field**

November 2001

Executive committee

3-4 Stone Mtn. Hamfest

15th GARS Club Meeting

December 2001

Executive committee

1 GARS Holiday Party

(No GARS Monthly
Meeting)

January 2002

Executive committee

17th GARS Club Meeting

26th Tech Fest

February 2002

Executive committee

21st GARS Club Meeting

Meeting Time

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Location

3rd Thursday, 7:30 PM

Central Baptist

Church,

Gwinnett Drive,

Lawrenceville

Talk in 147.075(+) MHz

82.5 PL Tone